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Identical letters dated 26 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and the Charge d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alya Ahmed S. **Al-Thani**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 26 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to transmit herewith the joint statement issued today by our Governments in response to the request by the President of the Republic of Yemen, Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi, for the protection of Yemen and its people and to help Yemen to counter terrorist organizations.

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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Enclosure

[Original: Arabic]

Statement issued by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar and the State of Kuwait

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Praise be to God and peace upon the Messenger of God

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar and the State of Kuwait have followed with great pain and concern the dangerous developments in the Republic of Yemen. The security and stability of Yemen have been shaken by coup that the Houthi militias carried out against the legitimate authorities. These developments also constitute a major threat to the security and the stability of the region, and a threat to international peace and security. Our countries have acted quickly and made every effort to stand with the Yemeni people as its strives to restore security and stability by building on the political process launched by the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and its implementing mechanism, and to safeguard the region from the repercussions of this coup.

In that connection, the States members of the Council responded to the request made on 7 March 2015 by President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi Mansour calling for a conference to be convened in Riyadh under the aegis of the Council that would be attended by all Yemeni political parties that wish to preserve the security and stability of Yemen.

As preparations for the holding of conference were under way in earnest, we received the following letter from President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi Mansour:

> Dear brother the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of Saudi Arabia;
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> Dear brother Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates;
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> Dear brother King Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain;
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> Dear brother Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, Sultan of Oman;
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> Dear brother Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait;
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> Dear brother Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar;
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> Dear brothers, I write this letter to you with great sadness and sorrow in my heart owing to the serious and extremely dangerous decline in security in the Republic of Yemen, a decline caused by the ongoing acts of aggression and the incessant attacks against the country's sovereignty that are being committed by the Houthi coup orchestrators, with the aim of dismembering Yemen and undermining its security and stability.

We have made every effort possible to stop the heinous, criminal attacks being committed by the Houthis against our people, attacks that have left deep wounds in every Yemeni home. We have also strived with all our power to arrive at a peaceful solution that will take the country out of the dark abyss into which the Houthi coup orchestrators have plunged it, protect our people from the fire of chaos and destruction, and prevent the country from being dragged into a war that will consume everything, a goal that the coup orchestrators are still seeking to achieve.

Yet all our peaceful and constant efforts have been categorically rejected by the Houthi coup orchestrators, who are continuing their campaign of aggression aimed subjugating the rest of the country's regions, particularly the south. This has caused Yemen to go through the most difficult period in its history. Never before has the Yemini people, which abides by the principles of our pure Islamic religion, faced such heinous aggression that is contrary to the principles of Islam and international norms and legal instruments as that of the Houthi militias. Those militias are supported by internal forces that have sold their souls and are concerned only with their own interests. They also being supported by regional Powers that are seeking to impose their control over the country and turn it into a tool by which they can extend their influence in the region. The threat is therefore not only to the security of Yemen, but also to that of the entire region and to international peace and security.

In the light of those momentous events, it is vital to preserve the security and stability of Yemen and the region, not to mention international peace and security. Our brave Yemeni people, which has paid such a heavy price for the Houthi coup, must be kept safe. My constitutional responsibilities require me to protect the people and safeguard the unity, independence and territorial integrity of the nation. The Houthi militias have committed several acts of aggression, most recently deploying military columns to attack and take control of Aden and the rest of the south. The criminal militias have announced that they intend to move against the south, and the most recent report of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General to the Security Council confirms that intention. It states that the Houthis' so-called Revolutionary Committee has instructed the military units under its control in the north to mobilize in preparation for an attack on the south. The report also states that the Houthis have continued to occupy Government buildings and have expanded to new areas, despite the repeated appeals of the Security Council. It indicates that, in a serious and unprecedented escalation, Air Force aircraft seized by the Houthis have continued to circle and bombard Aden.

The report of the Special Adviser states that the Houthis have now begun to move south towards Lahij and Aden. It refers to growing fears that Al-Qaida could exploit the current instability to create further chaos, drawing the country into yet more violent conflict and fragmentation.

I therefore appeal to you, and to the allied States that you represent, to stand by the Yemeni people as you have always done and come to the country's aid. I urge you, in accordance with the right of self-defence set forth in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and with the Charter of the League of Arab States and the Treaty on Joint Defence, to provide immediate support in every form and take the necessary measures, including military

intervention, to protect Yemen and its people from the ongoing Houthi aggression, repel the attack that is expected at any moment on Aden and the other cities of the South, and help Yemen to confront Al-Qaida and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

The Yemeni people will never forget how its allies stood by it at this tense and perilous time.

The Yemeni people will never let its trust in God Almighty be shaken. It will remain true to its national values, and will do everything in its power to safeguard the pride, dignity and sovereignty of the nation.

Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi, 24 March 2015

We are mindful of our responsibility towards the Yemeni people. We note the contents of President Hadi's letter, which asks for immediate support in every form and for the necessary action to be taken in order to protect Yemen and its people from the aggression of the Houthi militias. The latter are supported by regional forces, which are seeking to extend their hegemony over Yemen and use the country as a base from which to influence the region. The threat is therefore not only to the security, stability and sovereignty of Yemen, but also to the security of the region as a whole and to international peace and security. President Hadi has also appealed for help in confronting terrorist organizations.

Moreover, the acts of aggression have also affected Saudi Arabia, and the presence of heavy weapons and short and long-range missiles beyond the control of the legitimate authorities poses a grave and ongoing threat to our countries. The Houthi militias have failed to respond to repeated warnings from the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Security Council. They have continued to violate international law and norms, and to build up a military presence, including heavy weapons and missiles, on the border of Saudi Arabia. They recently carried out large-scale military exercises using medium and heavy weapons, with live ammunition, near the Saudi Arabian border. The Houthi militias have already carried out a bare-faced and unjustified attack on the territory of Saudi Arabia, in November 2009, and their current actions make it clear that they intend to do so again. Our countries have therefore decided to respond to President Hadi's appeal to protect Yemen and its great people from the aggression of the Houthi militias, which have always been a tool of outside forces that have constantly sought to undermine the safety and stability of Yemen.

We ask God to protect Yemen and its people and to preserve it from strife and foreign intervention, which has nothing to offer the Yemeni people or of our countries. We ask Him once again to bring safety and stability to the people of Yemen.